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1. In connection with YEH Chien-ying's recent appointments to key positions in the Central and South China (CSC) administration,¹ [REDACTED] YEH has not moved to Hankow nor have Central and South China organs moved to Canton.² YEH is remaining in Canton with an enlarged staff to handle communications and liaison with key CSC offices, which are remaining in Hankow.
2. A number of representatives from key offices in Hankow (chiefs of these offices or their deputies) have moved to Canton to facilitate YEH's discharging his responsibilities as acting commander of the 4 Field Army, etc.³ The representatives are physically located in the offices of the South China Military District Command.
 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably this refers to information in the Chinese Communist press in August that YEH had been appointed acting commander of the CSC Military Area Command and the 4 Field Army.
 2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] CSC headquarters (sic) had moved to Canton.
 - [REDACTED] Comment. Movement of CSC Government offices from Hankow to Canton was rumored in Hong Kong several weeks prior to 10 September but these rumors were never even partially verified. The secret move of this large high level committee is difficult and most improbable, although certain elements of the administration may have gone to Canton to help YEH discharge his new responsibilities.
 3. [REDACTED] Comment. It is unlikely that there will be a mass move of officials from Hankow unless YEH is formally appointed full commander, replacing LIN Piao.

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